

CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A telecommunication terminal  
apparatus capable of giving a notification using a melody,  
5 comprising:

storage means capable of storing musical composition  
data in which a plurality of starting points suitable for  
starting performance are set;

point register means for storing information  
10 indicative of an arbitrary performance starting position  
of the musical composition data; and

musical tone-generating means responsive to an  
instruction for starting the notification using the  
melody, for reading out the musical composition data from  
15 said storage means and for reproducing the readout  
musical composition according to the information  
indicative of the performance starting position, stored  
in said point register means, to thereby start generating  
the melody from the arbitrary performance starting  
20 position of the musical composition data.

2. A telecommunication terminal apparatus  
according to claim 1, wherein said musical tone-  
generating means is responsive to an instruction for  
ending the notification using the melody, for stopping  
25 reproducing the musical composition data and for writing  
information indicative of a reproduction stop position of  
the musical composition data having been reproduced and a  
starting point corresponding to a position closest to the  
reproduction stop position among the plurality of  
30 starting points into said point register means.

3. A telecommunication terminal apparatus  
according to claim 1, wherein said musical tone-  
generating means is responsive to an instruction for  
ending the notification using the melody, for stopping  
35 reproducing the musical composition data and for writing

information indicative of a reproduction stop position of the musical composition data having been reproduced and a starting point corresponding to a rear position closest to the reproduction stop position among the plurality of starting points into said point register means.

4. A telecommunication terminal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said musical tone-generating means is responsive to the instruction for starting the notification using the melody, for generating the melody from a starting point corresponding to a rear position closest to the performance starting position stored in said point register means among the plurality of starting points.

5. A telecommunication terminal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein one starting point can be selected from among the plurality of starting points, and the selected one starting point is written as the performance starting position into said point register means.